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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 15, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 19-31 and 41-49, drawn to subject matter including means or steps for developing or changing a document wherein one or more elements of it, e.g., text data, graphics data, control, or format codes, etc., are added, deleted, or modified, or including means or steps for storing such an altered document or the alteration, classified in class 715, subclass 255. This election is made with traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional application in connection with unelected claims 32-40, drawn to subject matter directed to management of distributed database data and file access and retrieval, and retrieval of database data and files from a centralized or remote site, classified in class 707, subclass 10.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the

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Examiner <u>must</u> examine it on the merits." Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.